THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Total number of coal mines operating in public sector during 1990-91 was 510.

(b) The toal investment in all the coal mines of Coal Inda Limited (CIL) under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) under the administrative control of Government of Andhra Pradesh at the end of December, 1991 was Rs. 9986.40 crores (provisional) and Rs. 1143.35 crores (provisional) as against Rs. 9193.50 crores and Rs. 1029.35 crores as on 31-3-1991 respectively.

(c) CIL's outstanding loan as on 31-3-1991 was Rs. 5923.33 crores and that of SCCL was Rs. 801.66 crores. The actual interest paid by CIL during 1990-91 was Rs. 313.64 crores and by SCCL was nil.

(d) During the year 1990-91 CIL and SCCL suffered a loss of Rs. 253.17 crores and Rs. 163.19 crores respectively. Profit or loss figure for 1991-92 can be worked out only after the close of the financial year.

Abolition of Freight Equalisation of Coal

462. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURNAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to do away with frieght equalisation of coal ;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) At present there is no scheme of Freight Equilisation in force in regard tocoal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in the Price of Coal

463. DR. N. THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently increased the price of coal of various grades, if so, what is percentage of such a rise and reasons therefor ;

(b) the extent of resource mobilisation through the increase ;

(c) the prices of coal increased since nationalisation;

(d) the details of impact on the major coal consumers such as power plants etc ; and

(e) the steps taken to increase roductivity and minimise cost of production of coal in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Yes, Sir ; the inorease in average price in respect of Coal India Limited (CIL) Coal is 29.3% and that of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) Coal is 30.6%. The reason for increase is increase in wages and cost of other inputs.

(b) The estimated mobilisation of resources through the increase of price w.e.f. 28-12-1991 is Rs. 480 crores for CIL and Rs. 52.91 crores for SCCL for the remaining period of the year 1991-92.

(c) In 1973 the average pit-head price of coal was Rs. 37.50 per tonne. With effect from 28-12-1991 the average pit-head price of coal produced by Coal India Limited is Rs. 322.00 per tonne and that of SCCL is Rs. 388.00 per tonne.

(d) The estimated impact on the major coal consumers because of the price increase w.e.f. 28-12-1991 is as follows :—

	CIL	SCCL
Power (paise/KWH)	5	6·48
Steel (Rs./tonne)	250·50	..
Cement (Rs./tonne)	18·25	22·75

(e) The steps taken to improve the productivity and minimise the cost of production in Coal India Limited are as follows :—

(i) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.

(ii) Control on increase in manpower through voluntary retirement scheme.

(iii) The concept of 'all men—all jobs' is being tried on an experimental basis.

(iv) Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management spares and timely rehabilitation of equipments.

(v) increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

(vi) A number of systems improvements and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operations.

Foriegn fishing trawlers captured by coast guard

464. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coast Guard in the recent past had captured many fishing trawlers of foreign countries in the Indian territorial waters ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether marine products were also recovered in such trawlers ; and

(d) what action Government have taken to check the menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The countrywise details of foreign trawlers apprehended by the Coast Guard are as follows :—

Name of the country	Year	
	1991	1992 (upto 23-2-92)
Sri Lanka	11	5
Myanmar	10	1
Thailand	5	2
South Korea	1	..
Pakistan	4	7
Bangladesh	—	10
Taiwan	—	1
	31	26